

b. 450-565 d.

Belisarius was a Byzantine  
General under Justinian

532 - He suppressed the Nika riot  
caused by internal political  
strife

533-34. He defeated the Vandals

535 - Command against Ostrogoths

536 - He took Naples & Rome

540 - He took Milan & Ravenna

548 Justinian replaced him with  
Narses

559 - He drove the Bulgars out  
of Constantinople

562 - He was imprisoned briefly  
He returned to favor with  
Justinian

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The expedition against TINGITANA ended in a catastrophe and was one reason why THEUDIS lost the throne and his life in 548.

This event also broke the last bond between the Visigoths and the Ostrogoths who from that time fought on their own — and lost; the Ostrogoths lost Italy and their regnum, the Visigoths large parts of Spain. Theudegisel murdered

THEODIS and succeeded him .

The troops of Theudis (Totila's Visigothic great-nephew) attacked the Romans in Macedonia, but he suffered such a devastating defeat that he lost the throne and his life.

Meanwhile, the war in Italy dragged on. Gothic successes alternated with defeats.

Fall of 548

Theodora died

Soon after the death of his patroness  
Theodora - Belisarius was recalled by the  
emperor

Belisarius was recalled at his own request (since Justinian would not support him in the field).

Belisarius had reoccupied and re fortified Rome before his departure; but when he was gone, Totila took it again.

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Belisarius was recalled.  
Totila dominated Italy,  
Theudis was killed in Spain.  
There were rival Visigoth kings.



The Goths of the peninsula requested a successor to the deceased bishop. At the same time, they also asked for political and military aid against their Hunnic neighbors referring to similar measures Justinian had taken for other peoples.

The Balkan Goths by contrast were labeled Avars.

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Vasegills

T HEUDIS was assassinated

548-553

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Italy is governed by Greek  
EXARCHS